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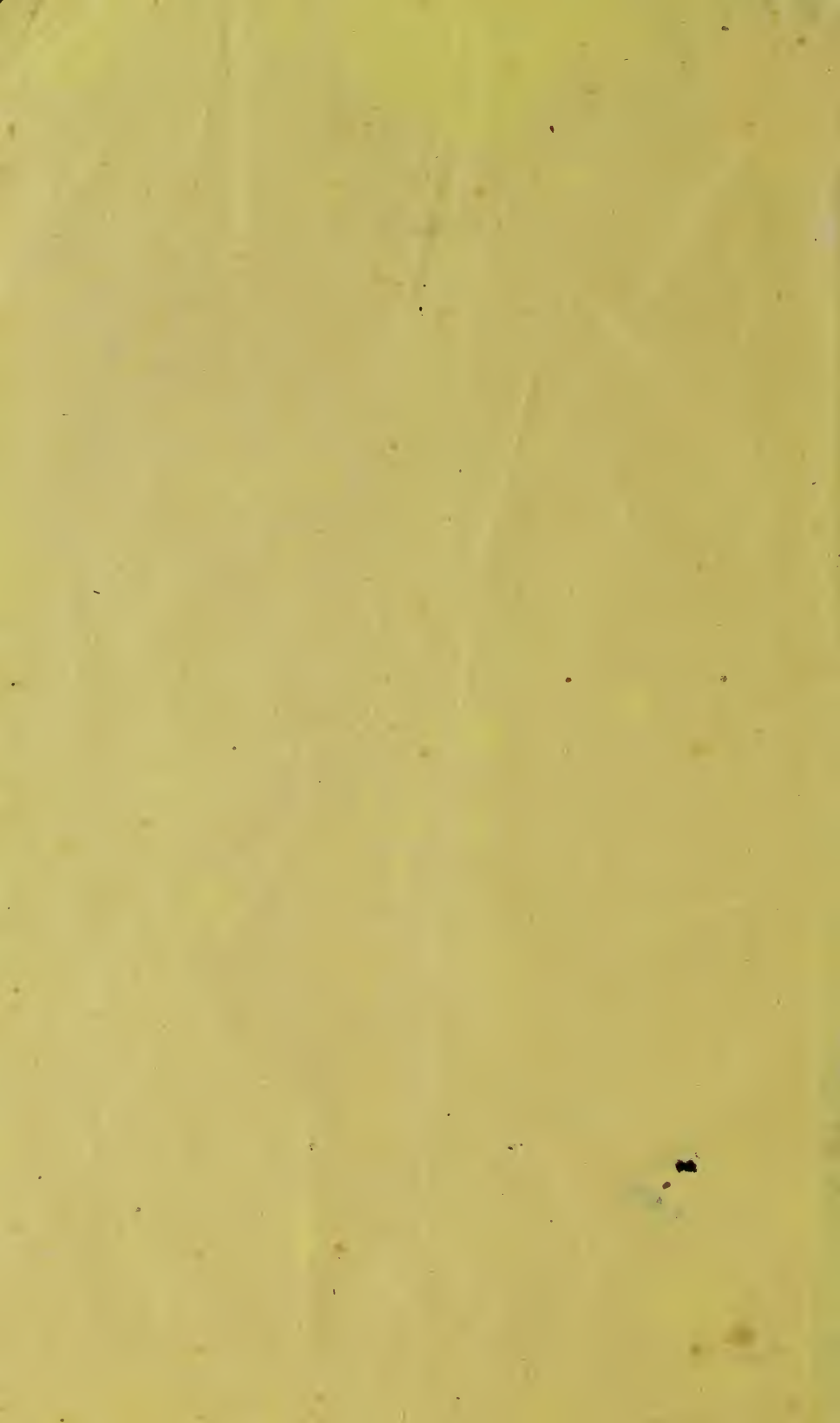
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MINUTES.

CHESTER BAPTIST CHURCH, S. C.,

WEDNESDAY, November 25, 1874.

The Baptist State Convention of South Carolina began its fifty-fourth session this day. The body was called to order by its former President, at 11 o'clock A. M. The hymn commencing "Prayer is the soul's sincere desire," was sung, and prayer offered by Rev. W. B. Carson.

The enrollment of delegates being effected, the Convention proceeded to organize by the election of Rev. J. L. Reynolds, President; Rev. J. O. B. Dargan, Vice-President; Prof. J. B. Patrick and Dr. S. W. Bookhart, Secretaries, and Prof. C. H. Judson Treasurer, *viva voce*.

The President, on taking the chair, appropriately addressed the meeting, before proceeding to the regular business.

The Rev. L. C. Hinton, pastor of the Chester church, in behalf of the church and community extended a hearty welcome to the Convention, which was responded to by Rev. J. O. B. Dargan.

Visiting brethren were, on motion, invited to seats and participation in the deliberations of the body. Rev. J. B. Jeter, D. D., Rev. H. A. Tupper, D. D., Secretary Foreign Mission Board, and Rev. N. B. Cobb, of North Carolina, accepted the invitation.

An opportunity was given to organizations desiring membership in the Convention to make application; whereupon the Barnwell Baptist South Carolina Convention, the Philadelphia Church, the Camden and Santee Churches were received, and delegates recognized.

On motion of Rev. L. C. Hinton,

Resolved, That the sessions of the Convention during the present meeting be held from 9 o'clock A. M. to 1 o'clock P. M., and from 2 to 5 P. M.

Resolved, That one hour each day be devoted to religious services, commencing at 12 M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Convention assembled, the President in the chair. Hymn 721 was sung and business resumed.

On motion of A. W. Lamar,

Resolved, That the report of the State Executive Board be made the special order for Thursday, 10 A. M.

The above was accompanied with a request that a mass meeting be appointed in the interest of the State missions during the session of the body, which, on motion of Rev. F. W. Eason was granted, and Thursday evening indicated as the time.

On motion of Rev. J. K. Mendenhall,

Resolved, That the presentation of the claims of Furman University be made the special order for Friday evening.

On motion of Rev. John G. Williams,

Resolved, That Saturday from 11 to 1 o'clock be devoted to the consideration of the claims of foreign missions, and Saturday evening to that of the home mission work of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Rev. M. T. Sumner, Secretary of Home Mission Board, having arrived, was cordially invited to a seat and participation in the deliberations of the body.

On motion of Rev. F. W. Eason,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to nominate the Board of Trustees of Furman University, and to ascertain the number of votes to which each constituent is entitled, and report the same.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, the President requested Rev. J. G. Landrum to lead in prayer.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. T. W. Smith, from Hebrews vi, 1—"Let us go on unto perfection."

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26.

FORENOON SESSION.

The Convention was called to order by the President. The hymn "Behold the Same Foundation Stone" was sung, and, after prayer by Rev. O. F. Gregory, proceeded to business.

The minutes of the previous day were read and confirmed.

The Fork Association applied for membership and was received; the President extending the hand of fellowship to the delegate present, J. A. Beard.

The Brunson Church also made application for membership; was received as above—delegate present, C. B. Richardson.

On motion of Rev. J. C. Furman,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Decease of Ministers be authorized and requested, in addition to their prescribed notice, to take notice of the deaths of our sister, the late Miss Jane A. Hands, of Charleston, and of the late Belton Oscar Mauldin, also of Charleston.

The standing committees were announced as follows:

On Religious Services—Rev. L. C. Hinton, J. L. Albright, R. H. Alexander, Boyce Norton, Rev. A. W. Lamar, Rev. J. K. Mendenhall.

On Accounts—Wm. Thayer, E. C. Rice, W. E. Waters, J. S. Croxtou, John Robertson, W. A. Pierson.

On Nomination of Delegates to Southern Baptist Convention—John G. Williams, A. P. Norris, W. J. Hatfield, T. W. Mellichamp, J. S. Withers, J. F. Morrall, J. A. Beard.

On Nomination of Executive Board—O. F. Gregory, J. L. Albright, A. S. Willeford, R. N. Pratt, R. H. Griffith, J. L. Rollins.

On Time and Place of Next Meeting, and Persons to Preach—W. D. Rice, W. A. Gaines, B. F. Corley, P. A. Buycke, E. H. Abell, C. H. Crossland.

On Names and Post Offices of Ministers—G. S. Anderson, F. W. Eason, R. A. Blakely, J. H. Hardin.

Also, the following to report next year:

Obituary Notices—L. C. Hinton, J. A. Sanders, A. J. McCoy, W. P. Smith, D. A. Thomasson, H. H. Robinson.

On Foreign Missions—J. O. B. Dargan, J. A. Chambliss, W. L. Brown, J. C. Hudson, L. Shirley, C. C. Brown.

Domestic Missions—F. W. Eason, A. M. Cartledge, J. G. Landrum, J. C. Humphries, C. A. Baynard.

Sunday Schools—C. H. Toy, C. H. Judson, J. C. Furman, J. H. Dargan, W. A. Therrell. The committee to nominate the Board of Trustees for Furman University was announced as follows:

Dr. I. D. Durlam, W. J. Snider, Dr. J. J. Boyd, B. Bonner, L. M. Ayer, T. R. Cantey, A. L. Stough, R. M. Mixon, R. N. Pratt, W. A. Gaines, W. B. Carson, J. R. Leavell, E. R. Stokes, J. H. Dargan, J. A. Beard, W. A. Picrson.

The hour for special order of business having arrived, the report of the State Mission Board was called for, and read by the Secretary. Remarks expressive of much gratification and encouragement were made by several brethren, and the report ordered to be printed.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

To the Baptist State Convention.

DEAR BRETHREN: In presenting to your consideration our report of the work committed to our care, we would, first of all, record our devout thanksgiving to a gracious God for the signal mercies which have strewn our pathway. Our lives have been spared and shielded from many sorrows; harmony and peace have marked our labors together; increasing confidence and love have been bestowed upon us by those whose servants we are, and the liberality of our brethren toward the objects we represent has been greatly increased. From our hearts we say "blessed be the name of the Lord," and "to Him the praise."

APPOINTMENTS.

Your Board assembled in the city of Columbia on the 22d day of December, and at once made the following appointments:

Rev. C. A. Baynard, who has served us so faithfully and effectually so many years in the large and very destitute field in Beaufort County, was appointed at a salary of \$300. He entered upon his labors the first of the year, and we bear witness to the faithfulness with which he has worked, and the blessing of the Lord upon the same. The work reported by him is as follows:

Sermons preached, 235; religious visits, 745; prayer meetings held, 5; Sabbath Schools organized, 4; Sabbath School addresses, 48; other addresses, 305; baptised, 25; received by letter, 2; miles traveled, 4,660; stations occupied, 9; all in Beaufort County but one, which is in Colleton. Brother Baynard speaks of the field as still exceedingly destitute, and parts of it down-trodden by *infidelity* and *grog shops*. At Great Swamp they have built a new house. A chapel has been built at Grahamville station, on the Savannah and Charleston Railroad, and at Hardeeville. The sisters are working to raise funds to rebuild their church which was destroyed during the war, and they ask assistance of your body.

Rev. O. F. Gregory, who has been sustained in the past by the Charleston Association, and assisted last year by your Board, was reappointed by us in connection with said Association, as missionary pastor, at Mt. Pleasant, near Charleston, and Mt. Hope, at Williamsburg, at a salary of \$150. At Mt. Pleasant he has preached two Sabbaths in the month, besides week-day services. The congregations are good; Sunday Schools growing, but the church financially is very weak. At Mt. Hope he has preached four times per month. He found the church almost dead, but God has wonderfully blessed his labours here. Congregations large and attentive, and have been in a state of revival all the year; while the membership of the church has more than doubled. At Forreston, fifteen miles above Mt. Hope, he has organized a church of thirty or forty members, where there was not any church before, and this church is at work building

a house of worship. He reports: Sermons preached, 129; religious visits, 221; prayer meetings held, 20; Sunday Schools organized, 2; Sunday School addresses, 18; baptised, 23; conversions in meetings which he held, 87; miles traveled, 1,080.

Rev. W. B. Elkin was appointed by the Fairfield Mission Board, and assistance asked of your Board to the amount of \$200. This appropriation was made, and Brother Elkin began in January his labors in the destitution covered by the Fairfield Association. His efforts have been extensive and self-denying, and upon them showers of divine blessings have descended. Many churches which were weak have been strengthened, some resurrected, and others aroused to life, while two entirely new churches have been organized at important points, with the prospect of another very soon. His report stands thus: Sermons preached, 209; conversions, 106; baptisms, 40; religious visits, 230; prayer meetings, 70; Sunday Schools organized, 10; Sunday School addresses, 56; miles traveled, 1,904; stations, 13.

In connection with the Abbeville Association Rev. R. N. Pratt was appointed at Abbeville C. H. and the adjacent country, particularly west of Abbeville, where lies a large scope of country in which a Baptist church has never existed, and a field promising good results. Brother Pratt has labored under many disadvantages, but the prospect has brightened. Your agent assisted him last summer in a meeting of days, and a most blessed result followed—thirteen were added to the church. The Abbeville Association has raised funds to pay the debt of the church, and it is hoped another year will see its completion. Brother Pratt has preached 112 sermons; religious visits, 167; prayer meetings held, 24; Sunday Schools organized, 1; Sunday School addresses, 27; other addresses, 7; baptised, 10; conversions, 13; conversions in meetings in which he assisted, 59. We were to pay Brother Pratt \$200.

According to instructions from your body, we made efforts to secure a colored minister as missionary to the colored people of Barnwell and Colleton Counties, and secured the services of Rev. J. C. Butler, who was well known in Barnwell County, and came highly recommended by the pastor of the Barnwell Church, Rev. W. C. Lindsey, under whom he had studied for two years. He has proven himself a valuable missionary, and we hope that through him a door has been opened whereby we may accomplish much good among that people who so sadly need instruction at our hands, and we beg instruction from your body as to our future action in this department of our work. We employed Brother Butler for one-half his time, and agreed to give him \$200, he paying his own traveling expenses. He reports sermons preached, 107; conversions, 16; religious visits, 66; baptisms, 25; prayer meetings held, 5; Sunday School addresses, 17; Sunday Schools organized, 3; addresses on church government, 14; miles traveled, 1,492; stations, 5—all in Barnwell County; churches organized, 1.

Concerning your instructions as to the work in the town of Beaufort, we endeavored early in the year to secure a pastor for them, and after many failures the Lord came to our help, and we are grateful to state that we secured the services of Rev. F. Jones, of Rodney, Miss. He has been much blessed in his labors at Beaufort, both in winning souls, in gaining the love of the people, and in harmonizing conflicting elements. During a meeting held in October by Brother Jones and your General Agent, nine precious souls found peace in Jesus. The church was thoroughly aroused, and Rev. George Waterhouse, a Northern gentleman of superior Christian character, was ordained a deacon of the church. The pews of the church are nearly all rented, the Sunday collections are liberal, and the congregations large. Through the Lord's mercy we hope, ere long, this dear old church will once more become self-sustaining. Brother Jones' report is thus: Sermons preached, 50; conversions, 9; religious visits, 80; baptisms, 8; received by letter, 2; prayer meetings, 28; Sunday Schools organized, 1; Sunday School

addresses, 20; other addresses, 22. Salary from 1st July to 1st January, \$250 from Board, \$250 from church.

The work of building upon the Air Line Railroad has continued to engage the attention of the Board. We felt that we must hold the ground already gained. We appointed Brother J. S. Jordan to look after the work, during his Sabbaths, until the close of the seminary season, at which time he agreed to give us one-half of his time to serve on the East end of the road, and Rev. P. Hawkins for the same time on the West end—making Greenville the centre. Brother Jordan has confined his operations chiefly to Black's and Gaffney Stations, although he gave some attention to Whittaker's. At Black's the work is especially promising and will, ere long, become self-sustaining. Brother Hawkins has labored at Easley's, Liberty and Center Point. The work at Easley's is very gratifying, where we have a church of some twenty members, who are building a house of worship. This station is likely to become a town of some importance.

Brother Jordan's report for four months is: Sermons preached, 30; Sunday School addresses, 10; other addresses, 16; religious visits, 49; miles traveled, 880; days labor, 60.

Brother Hawkins reports: Sermons, 35; Sunday School addresses, 10; religious visits, 20; other addresses, 3; miles traveled, 700; conversions at meetings in which he labored, 23. We paid these brethren each \$25 per month.

Early in the year the Port Royal Railroad engaged our attention, and we sent our General Agent down to survey the field. From facts obtained by him, it was deemed advisable to organize a church at Brunson Station. This was done early in May, and Brother E. W. Peeples was appointed to take charge of the interests here, and at Varnville, lower down. One-half his time to be given to this road, and the other to the destitution in Colleton, including the town of Walterboro. The little church organized at Brunson, with seven members, has, under the efficient care of Brother Peeples, grown to thirty members. They expect, during the coming year, to undertake the building of a house of worship which will cost some \$800 or \$900. They will need some small assistance for one more year. The work at Varnville has not been so flattering, and it is not likely to result in a strong church. At Walterboro, however, a most cheering prospect is before us. The organization of a church and erection of a building is contemplated. Brother Peeples has organized a church in a destitute portion of Colleton, and set in operation a Baptist High School, which already numbers some fifty scholars. The Colleton Association has helped us nobly in all this work, and they will continue to do so.

Brother Peeples reports for five month's labor: Sermons, 90; conversions, 34; baptisms, 17; religious visits, 287; prayer meetings held, 16; Sunday School addresses, 3; other addresses, 9; conversions at meetings in which he labored, 43; miles traveled, 960; stations, 3; and Colleton Association in general. Salary \$300.

In the month of May we received a proposition from the Broad River Mission Board to unite with them in sustaining Brother J. W. Perry in their midst for three months—they to pay one-half of his salary. The proposition was accepted, and Brother Perry entered the field. He worked faithfully but met with many difficulties, and was much hindered in not having a house of his own upon which to reach his appointments. He has, we hope, laid the foundation for future operations. He reports: Sermons preached, 29; mission addresses, 8; labored in protracted meetings, 4; conversions, 8; miles traveled, 300. Salary from Board, \$75.

We felt impressed with the importance of undertaking some work in the Moriah Association, and were glad to secure the valuable services of Rev. W. J. Hatfield, at a

salary of 75 per cent. of all he could collect. He entered the field as an Evangelist, early in May, and has been a most untiring worker for Jesus. Owing to peculiar circumstances he has collected but a small amount, and although we made his salary dependent upon his collections, we feel that *so faithful a worker ought not* to go without compensation, and we, therefore, feel that just so soon as the Board are able, they should give him a liberal return for his efforts in our behalf. He reports: Sermons, 79; mission addresses, 19; churches visited, 16; Sunday School addresses, 10; days in protracted meetings, 45; conversions, 31; baptised, 2; collected \$21.65; miles traveled, 1,166.

The Bethel Association having at their meeting in 1873 agreed to do their work through your Board, and there being great need of mission labor, we secured the services of Rev. W. A. Gaines and A. Pugh, to give us six weeks or two months service in holding meetings with weak churches, for which we were to pay them at the rate of \$75 per month.

Brother Gaines reports that he and Brother Pugh together labored thirty days, and held meetings with one church and two destitute points. They preached 40 sermons; baptised, 28; received by letter, 3; restored, —, and witnessed 30 conversions.

We regret to state that our Bethel brethren, as a whole, have contributed very little to your Board, although a few of the churches have done so liberally.

RESULTS.

The entire results of our missionary operations may be summed up thus: Sermons preached, 1,235; conversions, 508; baptisms, 153; religious visits, 1,727; Sunday Schools organized, 26; Sunday School addresses, 185; prayer meetings held, 111; other addresses, 433; churches organized, 7; stations occupied, 36; miles traveled, 11,274.

THE GENERAL AGENT

Has been constantly at work, and God has been very merciful to his efforts, both as to raising funds and in winning souls. He has visited 157 churches lying in the Edgefield, Colleton, Fairfield, Reedy River, Barnwell, Bethel, Broad River, Tyger River, Savannah River, Welsh Neck and Charleston Associations. He has preached 302 sermons, made 151 mission and education addresses; 72 persons have confessed conversions under his labors. \$230 worth of Baptist books have been sold by him. \$900 in bonds for Furman University have been raised, and \$3,751.83 raised by him for all purposes.

BIBLE DISTRIBUTION, COLPORTAGE AND SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK.

Only one dollar has come into our hands for Bible distribution, and we have been unable to do any colportage work, except such as your General Agent has voluntarily undertaken. The Sunday School work has received special attention at the hands of all our missionaries, and is considered a part of their work. We notice with pleasure the fact that in many of the Associations the workers in this department of Christian labor have organized themselves in County and Associational Sunday School Conventions. This is true of the Barnwell, Welsh Neck, Edgefield, Edisto and Saluda Associations.

EDUCATION.

Your Board have been unable to extend any assistance in this direction, and while we have received no application for aid, we are aware of some needing assistance in prosecuting studies for the ministry. We rejoice, however, that the Associations are, with few exceptions, undertaking this work. At our University we understand that there are about — students, a goodly number of whom are studying in view of the ministry.

HOME MISSION BOARD.

We have been unable to learn how much has been contributed by the Baptists of this State to this Board during the conventional year, but we are persuaded that not more than seven or eight hundred dollars have been given, and we know of only one hundred

dollars which they have expended in our State; so that while we have done something, we have *not done commensurate* with our obligations in this direction, and we lift our voice in most *earnest appeal* to our brethren not to forsake this Board in its struggling condition.

MISSION WORK IN THE ASSOCIATIONS.

The Charleston has continued to assist weak churches, and have expended in this way \$560. They have given for the relief of indigent Baptist ministers, \$262.95. Have employed an evangelist, Rev. O. F. Gregory, at a salary of \$300; and the results of his labors in this direction have been wonderful. In all they have expended about \$1,500.

The Savannah River has aided your Board in the support of Rev. C. A. Baynard to the extent of \$400. And to all beneficent objects have given about \$1,100.

The Saluda has expended about \$700.

The Edgefield have had two missionaries for a short period—given in all about \$650.

The Moriah has done nobly for her ability—employing two missionaries at a cost of \$500, and have given altogether about \$600.

The Reedy River have had a valuable missionary for several months, and have given about \$650 for all objects.

Twelve Mile River—No report.

Welsh Neck have had two evangelists for four months, each at a total cost of \$400; has assisted some weak churches, and given in all about \$1,600.

The Tyger River has not undertaken mission work themselves, but have become, at this stage, the banner Association in State missions; having given about \$500 this year, and to all objects about \$1,700.

Edisto—No report.

Ferk—No report.

Barnwell has given nobly to your Board and to Sunday School work; contributions in all about \$890.

Colleton has worked through your Board, giving us \$125, and to all objects about \$300.

The Fairfield employed Rev. W. B. Elkin, at a salary of \$650; have given liberally to other missions, in all about \$850.

The York had one missionary at a cost of \$600.

The Abbeville has done nobly; contributions in all about \$2,200.

Orangeburg had two missionaries at a cost of \$200; given in all about \$400.

In some instances we have not succeeded in obtaining reports, and in others only approximately correct. From best information the work stands thus: The Associations have employed nineteen missionaries for the whole or part of their time, and have given for all objects \$11,850. The Executive Board have expended \$3,533. Total amounts contributed by the constituents of this body for all objects, \$15,383; an increase over last year's work of about \$4,456. We beg you to bear in mind that this is only approximately correct.

THE CONDITION OF THE STATE MISSION BOARD.

We are rejoiced to state to your body that all our missionaries have been paid in full, except up to date, and we shall have about \$100 left in the treasury. We would state, however, that the missionaries whose terms of service expires on the 1st of January will call on your Board for \$380, and we trust in God to be able to meet these obligations as they fall due.

THE FUTURE.

The future opens before us on a scale more encouraging than at any period since the existence of your Board. The Baptists throughout the State are rapidly coming into a closer and most earnest sympathy with us. Several of our strongest Associations, viz: The Welsh Neck, Tyger River and Barnwell have all, at their last meetings, resolved to do their work through your Board, in concurrence with their executive committees, and pledge to us their means and prayers. Your Board feel that none of our work already begun should be given up, but, if possible, should be reinforced. The Colleton work cannot be forsaken. The Fairfield ought to be assisted. The Air Line and Port Royal Railroads must be held. Our work among the colored people is especially inviting. Abbeville will still need our aid. And the work to be done in the Charleston Association destitution is immense. Lexington County deserves our attention. In the Welsh Neck and Tyger River we are invited to join in important operations, and at Walhalla a fine opportunity is afforded us of elevating Baptist sentiments.

In view of the greatness of the field, and the earnest appeals from all parts of the State, and the necessities of the hour, we feel that the Baptists of the State should give us not less than \$7,000 for our work the ensuing year.

A. W. LAMAR,

Secretary and General Agent.

On motion of F. W. Eason, special committees were raised to report on the future of the Board, and on Sunday Schools. The former consisting of A. M. Cartledge, A. L. Stough, E. C. Rice, J. M. Bostick, J. J. Boyd. The latter, A. P. Norris, L. Broadus, J. G. Williams, J. H. Dargan, R. H. Griffith.

On motion of J. K. Mendenhall,

Resolved, That Dr. J. B. Jeter be requested to preach the charity sermon before the Convention on Sunday, at 11 A. M.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

Was read and, on motion, laid on the table to be taken up at the mass meeting in the interests of this Board..

At the request of Rev. J. A. Chambliss, the name of Rev. James C. Furman was substituted for his on the Committee on Obituary Notices, standing over from 1873. Preaching at 12 M. by Rev. A. P. Norris.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

On motion, the hour of meeting in the morning session was changed from 9 to 9½ o'clock.

On motion of Rev. F. W. Eason,

Resolved, That Rev. J. C. Furman be requested to preach a sermon at the next Convention on the pastoral relations and the duty of churches to support their ministers.

After prayer by Rev. L. M. Ayer, the body adjourned.

EVENING SESSION.

A mass meeting was held in behalf of the State Mission Board, and addressed by the Secretary, Rev. A. W. Lamar, Rev. R. H. Griffith and Rev. F. W. Eason, and \$200 obtained to aid in prosecuting this important work.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27.

The morning session commenced at half-past 9 o'clock, the President in the chair. After singing hymn, prayer was offered by Rev. J. B. Jeter. The minutes of previous day were read and confirmed and roll called.

Report of Committee to Nominate the Executive Board was made and adopted. See page 4.

On motion of Rev. A. M. Cartledge,

Resolved, That while we have no desire to disparage the circulation of other denominational papers among our people, we do feel it very important that the *Working Christian*, which is the medium of communication for our denomination in South Carolina, receive the cordial support of all our people.

Report on home missions was read and laid on the table to be taken up in connection with the mass meeting in favor of that interest.

The committee to whom was referred the subject of domestic missions beg leave to call the attention of the Convention to the fact that the name of this Board, of the Southern Baptist Convention, has been changed from the Domestic and Indian Missionaries Sunday School Board to the simple but comprehensive name of the Home Mission Board. The objects of the Board remain unchanged, except that the Sunday School work which has for the past few years been committed to it as its former name implied, is not now made a specialty. Work in this department of Christian labor is not, however, overlooked. To the Home Mission Board the Convention has committed the publication of our most excellent Sunday School paper *Kind Words*, which has reached the gratifying circulation of one hundred and thirty-five thousand copies monthly, and is rapidly increasing its subscribers.

The ground work of the Board, and it is a grand work, is the preaching of the gospel in destitute places in the old States, in the Southwestern States, and in the Indian Territories. Under their appointment, there are seventy-three missionaries; of this number there are nineteen in the Indian department—four whites and fifteen Indians. God has placed upon the labors of our hands in this field the seal of his approbation, in that our brethren, the missionaries, have baptised nine hundred and sixty-three converts during the past conventional year. There has been in South Carolina, during the time named, four brethren laboring under the appointment of the Home Board, who have preached 1,014 sermons; traveled 7,479 miles, and attended meetings where 141 persons have been baptised.

The total receipts and expenditures of this Board are \$32,465.60. This amount embraces all the funds collected for all purposes. Of this amount \$1,639.17 were contributed by the churches of this State; an increase over the contributions of the year preceding of nearly seven hundred dollars. This result brings out the pleasing showing that we have not relaxed our hold upon this Board—that our affection for it and its work is advancing.

According to the report of the Home Mission Board the debt was \$19,784.72; add to that amount the current expenses for six months, from the 1st of April to the 1st of October, and the indebtedness will be reduced to about \$16,000. To reduce this still further, subscriptions have been secured to the amount of \$2,500. The amount of indebtedness in the Mission Department, as from the report of the preceding year, is just about the same as the deficit of the receipts, as compared with the year before.

The receipts of the Board up to the present time are in excess of the receipts of the last year for the same time by several hundred dollars.

We see, therefore, from the above, that the Board has met its current expenses for the first six months of the year, since the last report, and reduced the debt of the Convention to \$13,500.

Your committee respectfully submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That we regard the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention as an indispensable agency in the propagation of the gospel of Christ, especially in the Southwestern States and Indian Territory; and that we will sustain its policy by all means in our power, urging upon our churches throughout the State more liberal contributions to its treasury.

Respectfully submitted,

W. D. RICE, Chairman.

On motion of Rev. J. O. B. Dargan,

Resolved, That Rev. A. W. Lamar introduce Rev. J. C. Butler, the colored missionary of the Executive Board, to the Convention.

Rev. Mr. Butler came forward and addressed the President and Convention, stating some important facts in connection with his work, and after remarks by several brethren, assurances of sympathy and interest with timely good advice were expressed by the President of the Convention, after which he resumed his seat.

The committee to nominate delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention reported:

Your committee to whom was referred the nomination of delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention to meet in Charleston, S. C., in May next, report the following names:

J. L. Reynolds, J. C. Furman, J. A. Broadus, C. H. Toy, William Williams, W. H. Whitsitt, W. B. Carson, J. G. Landrum, J. K. Mendenhall, L. H. Shuck, J. A. Chambliss, B. C. Pressley, J. R. Leavell, William Thayer, S. W. Bookhart, J. B. Patrick, C. H. Judson, R. B. Watson, W. P. Smith, J. A. Blanton, Zimmerman Davis, J. B. Camile, T. P. Smith, Y. J. Pope, W. H. Duncan, A. W. Lamar, T. R. Cantey, S. M. Richardson, T. W. Hart, F. W. Eason, J. H. Dargan, W. H. Dowling, J. F. Buist, J. L. Vass, W. L. Brown, D. W. Cuttino, A. Buist, C. C. Brown, W. B. Elkin, R. Thomson, J. C. Hudson, I. D. Durham, J. S. Croxton, O. F. Gregory, W. C. Lindsey, L. Broadus, J. A. Lawton, J. G. Williams, B. F. Corley, A. L. Stough, R. H. Griffith, A. P. Norris, T. W. Melli-champ, L. Cuthbert, W. D. Rice, R. N. Pratt, T. W. Smith, L. M. Ayer, J. F. Morrall, J. M. Bostick, A. K. Durham, Joseph Cox, G. A. Norwood, J. G. Milnor, G. W. McIver.

We recommend that any vacancy that may occur in this delegation shall be filled with the names only of those represented in this Convention.

JOHN G. WILLIAMS, Chairman.

The hour of preaching having arrived, Rev. F. W. Eason performed that service.

RECESS.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Committee on Obituaries reported:

The Committee on Obituary Notices of Deceased Ministers, to whom was referred the extra duty of noticing the death of our sister, Miss Jane A. Hands, of Charleston, and that of our brother, E. O. Mauldin, also of Charleston, beg leave to report that no report of any death among the ministers of the State has reached them, excepting that of Rev. Jesse Motes, of Laurens County—a minister little known beyond his own neighborhood. He died a few weeks ago between seventy and eighty years of age. They further beg leave to say that the life of the venerable lady, whose death we now record, has furnished a beautiful and encouraging example of Christian piety. Those who can remember the first Baptist church in Charleston, as it was more than fifty years ago, will remember her as being then, as she had been for years before, a most consistent, humble, prayerful, working servant of the Lord Jesus. The venerated man of God who baptized her, and the successive pastors, Manly, Brantly, Crawford, Kendrick, Shuck, all reposed unquestioning confidence in her religious character. Blest with vigorous

health, with an even temper, with tender sympathy, with suffering, and with a faith that realized the little worth of present things as compared with things eternal, she was a genuine sister of charity. She loved the habitation of God's home; she rejoiced in laboring for the young—never consenting to give up her Sunday School class, even when the infirmity of seventy-four years had come upon her. But the circumstance which justifies and demands this notice is the fact that she was one of the moving spirits who formed and carried on a society which began in their youth under the name of the Juvenile Female Missionary and Education Society, and from which, under her hand, this Convention for many years annually received a considerable contribution, the result of their pious labors. The same society made at one time a donation of ——— to constitute a part of the permanent fund of Furman University. The Acts of the Apostles and the Epistles of Paul give us names of holy women whom the first promulgators of the glad tidings of salvation recognized as laboring with them in the gospel. So is it fitting that the name of Jane A. Hands shall go down to the future on the pages that record the labors of this Convention for the good of the churches and the glory of God.

In the last meeting of this body was seen among the delegates the open, genial countenance of Belton Oscar Mauldin. Only those who knew him are aware—and those who knew him most intimately knew it best—how broad were his views, how pure his purposes, how strong the pulse-beat of a noble charity, which, fed by communion with his God and Saviour, set his fine and cultivated mental powers into earnest thinking about the great claims of duty, and gave steadfastness and vigor to his efforts to fulfill his duty. The University which he loved with filial devotion commanded his prayers, his contributions and his labors. It had no truer friend than Oscar Mauldin. His conversations, his letters all showed that its failure would have been to him like a blight on his own life. On his character as a whole—standing out as it does, a beautiful model to young business men—we cannot enlarge, grateful as the work would be.

The two lives thus placed on our obituary record have strong contrast, one of which is the times of occurrence. Our sister disappears at the end of her days; our brother is cut off in the midst of his years. The one life is a sound whole; the other a segment of a circle. The frost of death fell upon our sister when the topmost boll had opened to the sun; it fell upon our brother with many a fleecy pod already ripened, but with a yet richer promise of the coming fruit. But, otherwise, their lives were one—in the simplicity of a trust in Christ, and in the fact that from first to last each life by the help of God was so singularly pure, elevated and good that no one, while they lived, doubted for a moment the sincere piety of either; and now that they are gone, all that is left us is to admire and imitate, and if there is anything to deplore, it is only our own loss.

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES C. FURMAN, Chairman.

On motion, a copy of the above was sent to each of the respective families referred to.

Report of the Committee on the Future of the Executive Board was read and adopted.

The Committee on Future Work of the Executive Board beg leave to report: That we are truly gratified and encouraged by the report of the work of our Board during the past year; and especially pleased in that the end of the year finds the Board unencumbered with debt; that we are highly pleased with the thorough knowledge possessed by the Board, especially by their efficient agent, of the ground to be occupied and the work to be performed; that they have not overlooked the wants of the colored population of our State, but have commenced what we regard a good and important work among them; that in view of the facts mentioned, we are disposed to commit future operations to brethren composing the Board without trammelling them by special instructions; believing that, giving special attention to the work, they will be better prepared to accom-

plish it than others could be; that we are pleased to see that several of our associations have decided to carry on mission work in our State through the Executive Board of the Convention; and that we earnestly hope this will soon be the case with all our associations; that we have great cause of gratitude to God, and of encouragement as to the future; and, consequently, of renewed effort in our work, accompanied by earnest prayer, that God will still more abundantly bless us.

Respectfully submitted.

A. M. CARTLEDGE, Chairman.

On motion of Rev. R. H. Griffith,

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due, and are hereby tendered, to Colonel Thomas Dodamead, Superintendent of the Greenville and Columbia Railroad, to Colonel J. B. Palmer, President of the Charlotte, Columbia and Augusta Railroad, to S. S. Solomons, Esq., Superintendent of the South Carolina Railroad, to W. W. Davies, Superintendent of the Spartanburg and Union Railroad, for the courtesy of free passes over their roads to our General Agent, Rev. A. W. Lamar, and to Rev. G. S. Anderson, Agent for Furman University, during the years 1873-4.

Resolved, That in view of the large constituency we represent, and the general good of the State had in view in the labors of these agents of our work in the State, this Convention indulge the hope that the presidents and superintendents of the various railroads in this State will continue to extend the courtesy of such passes.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the officers above mentioned.

The committee to nominate a new board of trustees for Furman University, &c., ask to submit the following report: That we recommend that the old and new bonds be consolidated and estimated together without discrimination as the fairest and most appropriate basis of representation in the election of the Board of Trustees of this institution for the present. We further recommend the election of the following named brethren as trustees: (See page 4.)

Respectfully submitted.

I. D. DURHAM, Chairman.

Adopted.

On motion, Saturday, 10 o'clock A. M., was appointed as the time for taking the vote on the nomination submitted by the committee.

The Convention adjourned after prayer by Rev. T. R. Cantey.

FRIDAY EVENING.

The exercises of the mass meeting in behalf of Furman University were conducted by Rev. James C. Furman. After singing the hymn commencing "My gracious Lord, my life, my joy," prayer was offered by Rev. N. B. Cobb, of North Carolina, when Rev. J. C. Furman made some introductory statements concerning the institution and introduced to the crowded audience Professor C. H. Toy. At the conclusion of his address, Rev. J. B. Jeter and Rev. J. A. Chambliss were announced, respectively, as the other speakers. At the conclusion of these addresses, bonds were taken, amounting to —.

SATURDAY. NOVEMBER 23.

MORNING SESSION.

The Convention met at the appointed hour, the President in the chair. After the usual preliminary exercises, prayer was offered by Rev. M. T. Sumner, of Alabama.

The hour for taking the vote on the committee's nomination of Trustees of Furman University having arrived, the Convention proceeded to vote by Associations, at the call of the Secretary, which resulted in the unanimous election of the ticket reported. (See page 4.)

On motion, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That in view of the importance of the regular attendance of each member of the Board of Trustees at the meetings of that body, the Board shall be requested to adopt a rule that any member absent for two sessions without satisfactory explanation shall be considered as having vacated his office.

Colonel Caughman requested the privilege of addressing the house in behalf of the Palmetto Orphan Home, which was granted, and a collection amounting to \$42 was taken up.

The report on foreign missions being the special order for the hour was taken up. The President's attendance on the meeting of the Board of Trustees being important, Rev. C. H. Toy was requested to take the chair. Hymn, "From Greenland's Icy Mountains," was sung, and prayer offered by Rev. W. D. Rice.

The meeting was addressed by Rev. H. A. Tupper, Secretary of Foreign Mission Board, and Rev. James C. Furman, a collection taken up, and the report adopted, with amendments attached.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Every church, constituted after the New Testament model, is a missionary society for the extension of Christ's kingdom in the world. The commission of our Lord to his apostles clearly shows that our Saviour looked to nothing less than the preaching of the gospel to every creature. Within the past fifty years there has been a gradually increasing interest in the foreign mission work among the churches of Christ. The success which has attended the labors of our missionaries among the heathen is but the fulfillment of prophecy, and should encourage us to a still more vigorous prosecution of this work. The great head of the church will surely bless every effort to extend His kingdom, and to hasten on that day when "His way shall be known on earth and His saving health among all nations." The missions supported by the Baptist Churches of the Southern States are in a growing and a prosperous condition, under the supervision of earnest, devoted brethren, who are fully consecrated to their work. We have at present thirty-two missionaries in China, fourteen in Africa, and eight in Italy. Our Foreign Mission Board expended the past year the sum of \$54,305.47, including \$18,054.01 of the Rome Chapel fund brought back from Italy. Let us redouble our efforts for the coming year. Instead of relaxing our energies, let us make a general advance all along the line. At present the Board at Richmond is in immediate want of funds. Let our contributions be increased; let our interest in the conversion of the heathen be quickened; let our prayers be increasing; let our faith in God's promise be unshaken, and we may confidently look for that day when the heathen shall become our Lord's inheritance and the uttermost parts of the earth His possession.

Respectfully submitted.

L. H. SHUCK,
A. RICE,
J. STOUT,
L. BROADDUS,
H. A. DUNCAN, Committee.

Amendment to report on Foreign Missions, offered by Brother J. H. Dargan :

Resolved, That the Convention heartily approves the action of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention in appointing an executive committee in South Carolina to co-operate with the Board; that we commend the committee to the confidence of the churches, and that the committee be requested to report their work to the Convention from year to year.

RECESS.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Convention re-assembled at 3 o'clock.

The Board of Managers of the Indigent Ministers' Fund reported through the Secretary and was adopted.

The Board of Managers of Funds for Indigent Ministers and Widows and Children of Deceased Ministers beg leave to report that, immediately after the adjournment of the Convention of 1873, your Board organized by electing Dr. S. W. Boekhart President, E. R. Stokes Vice-President, R. B. Watson Treasurer, and J. W. M. Curry Secretary. The general pecuniary circumstances of our people since the organization of the Board has greatly retarded its operations. We have not realized the funds hoped for or expected during the first year of our organization. Notwithstanding, the Board are pleased to report that they have had some success, and the objects of the Board have ever met the hearty endorsement of our members, and in a number of instances of those whom we could enroll only as members of our congregations. We have received from annual and life subscribers \$369.67, and have expended to Brother Thomas Dawson \$12.50, and for books, circulars, &c., \$24.50. It will be borne in mind that the Charleston Association had formerly organized a board for the same purpose as ours, and Brother Thomas Dawson and Brother James E. Hinton were the special beneficiaries of that Association, having collected and paid to these two brethren \$260. The amount named, as collected by your Board, is independent of the sum last named. The Charleston Association have submitted to your Board a proposal to dissolve their organization and unite with us in our work, engaging to turn over their funds to this Board, with the proviso that we take under our charge their present beneficiaries, Brothers Thomas Dawson and James E. Hinton. This proposal your Board deemed it proper to accept, and will hereafter have in charge this whole particular work, and thus hope, with God's blessing and the cordial co-operation of all the brethren of the State, and especially of the ministers, at the close of the year to be able to report large advances and permanency of this work, not only of love, but duty to our indigent ministers and widows and orphans of deceased ministers. The receipts and expenditures, including the amount received and expended through the Charleston Association Board, are as follows:

Received by Charleston Association Board.....	\$260 00
Received from Life and Annual Members.....	369 67
Total Receipts.....	\$629 67
Expended as follows:	
Paid Rev. James E. Hinton.....	\$140 00
Paid Rev. Thomas Dawson.....	132 50
	\$272 50

Paid for Books, Circulars, Postage, etc.....	\$ 24 50
Total Expenditures.....	\$296 00
Leaving a balance on hand of.....	\$333 67
All of which is respectfully submitted.	

J. W. M. CURRY, Secretary of Board.

The 4th Article in the plan adopted at the last session of the Convention for raising the above fund was altered in the first line so as to read, "the annual contributions," &c., and \$200 stricken out and \$500 inserted.

The 7th Article was altered so as to make the contribution of \$10 constitute life membership.

On motion, the Board appointed at the former meeting of the Convention was re-elected.

The Committee on Time and Place of Next Meeting, &c., reported:

The committee to whom was referred the "time and place of next meeting and persons to perform services" beg leave to report:

Spartanburg as the place of meeting; Rev. Luther Broadus to preach the introductory sermon, Rev. J. H. Dargan alternate; Rev. J. A. W. Thomas to preach the missionary sermon, Rev. R. H. Griffith alternate. Time, Wednesday before the last Lord's day in November, 1875, at 7 o'clock P. M.

Respectfully submitted.

W. D. RICE, Chairman.

Adopted.

The Special Committee on Sunday Schools reported:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your committee beg leave to report that they have been without adequate facilities for obtaining full and satisfactory information relative to the Sunday School work within our State during the past year. We, therefore, cannot venture, at this time, to recommend any new or very definite policy in regard to this most interesting and important department of Christian labor. The whole Sunday School enterprise seems to have sprung spontaneously into existence under Divine grace and guidance. The wiser policy on our part would, therefore, in all probability, be simply to give it "free scope and ample verge" to develop and perfect itself according to the inherent laws of its own benevolent spirit. We may, doubtless, strengthen with our grateful sympathy and prayers, and, in many other ways, cheer, encourage and aid with substantial tokens of our high appreciation and earnest support those of our brethren who generously give their time and talents to this glorious Christian work—that every Christian, philanthropist and patriot should do, by all means in his power, whenever and wherever the opportunity may offer itself; for the Sunday School has proved itself to be the prolific nursery of the church, and a mighty civilizer in every land where it obtains.

We Baptists are, obviously, under the very highest obligation to devote our best energies and utmost pecuniary means to the promotion of this blessed work, since we hold that only by bringing up our little children in "the nurture and admonition of the Lord," can we hope to bring them into saving relationship with God. We, therefore, above all Christian people, should "be instant in season, out of season," in this gracious work. Let us more earnestly and zealously than ever, seeing how greatly the Lord has blessed the Sunday School work, show our faith by our works in this behalf. Let us not, from any purient fancy for unifying and systematizing, rashly intermeddle with the matter that seems to be progressing so admirably under the skillful hands of those who especially and voluntarily give themselves to this admirable "labor of love." We should,

perhaps, only stand ready to afford all needed support, as the working friends of the enterprise may call on us for it. We rejoice at the organization of Sunday School associations in various sections of this State, and hope to see that feature of concerted power soon prevail over the entire State. Through the various Sunday School associations we may, doubtless, for the future, procure most valuable and interesting statistical information to be annually furnished this Convention, and we recommend that the necessary measures be forthwith adopted to that end.

Respectfully submitted.

LEWIS M. AYER, Chairman.

Your committee, to whom was referred that portion of the reports of the Executive Board, referring to Sunday Schools, and the report of the standing committee on the same subject, would respectfully report:

1. That we deem the Sunday School work of such vital importance as to demand the special care and attention of this body.

2. We cordially recommend the adoption of these reports, and endorse the suggestion regarding the formation of County and association Sunday School conventions; and would also request the Executive Board to take such steps as are necessary to secure statistics regarding this work.

3. We cordially commend *Kind Words* to the support of our Sunday Schools, and request all parties to aid in its circulation.

4. We further recommend that superintendents be urged to train the children to giving to the great objects which claim our support.

5. We respectfully submit that the Executive Board be instructed to give greater prominence to this work in their labors by such means as they may be able to devise.

O. F. GREGORY, Chairman.

Adopted.

On motion,

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be tendered to those citizens of Chester, who have so kindly entertained us during our session; to the various railroad companies that have generously given delegates free return tickets to their homes, and to all the Christian churches in the town that have liberally tendered us the use of their houses of worship.

After prayer by Rev. N. B. Cobb, the Convention adjourned to meet, under resolution, immediately after the mass meeting at night.

THE MASS MEETING

At night was conducted by Rev. M. T. Sumner, Secretary of Home Mission Board. After the usual preliminary exercises, and prayer by Rev. C. A. Baynard, addresses were delivered by Rev. W. D. Rice, Rev. Professor J. L. Reynolds and Rev. M. T. Sumner.

The deep interest and abiding confidence felt in this Board, and the work in which it is engaged, found expression in the liberal contribution made by the audience, amounting to \$1,221.

THE EVENING SESSION

Of the Convention was presided over by Rev. W. D. Rice, at the request of the President. The report on home missions was taken from the table and adopted.

The report on Sunday Schools was read and adopted.

On motion of Rev. J. A. Chambliss,

Resolved, That hereafter among the standing committees of this body there shall be one on application for membership.

On motion, the Secretaries were instructed to draft on the Treasurer of the Executive Board for printing the Minutes of the present session of the Convention.

After prayer by Rev. W. A. Pierson the meeting was adjourned to convene on Sunday evening after preaching.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29.

The following was the order of services in the various churches on Sunday:

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH—11 A. M., Rev. C. H. Toy, D. D.; 7 P. M., Rev. L. M. Ayer.

METHODIST CHURCH—11 A. M., Rev. J. G. Landrum; 7 P. M., Rev. M. T. Sumner, D. D.

BAPTIST CHURCH—11 A. M., Rev. J. B. Jeter, D. D.; 7 P. M., Rev. Dr. Tupper.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH—3 P. M., Sunday School mass meeting. Addresses by Rev. N. B. Cobb and Rev. O. F. Gregory.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (colored)—11 A. M., Rev. J. O. B. Dargan, D. D.; 7 P. M., Rev. J. C. Butler, colored.

METHODIST CHURCH (colored)—11 A. M., Rev. T. R. Cantey; 7 P. M., Rev. C. H. Baynard.

The Convention assembled after religious services Sunday night.

A resolution was adopted that the amounts collected during the day be turned over to the Executive Board, to be appropriated to the objects of that Board.

Dr. Furman spoke of the importance of prompt, energetic action in the work to be done for Furman University.

Dr. Reynolds addressed the Convention with much feeling, the parting hand was given by the delegates, and the Convention adjourned to meet with the Spartanburg Baptist Church on Wednesday before the last Sunday in November, 1875, at 7 o'clock P. M.

J. L. REYNOLDS, President.

J. B. PATRICK, } Secretaries.
S. W. BOOKHART, }

ABSTRACT OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AT ITS
MEETING HELD IN THE TOWN OF CHESTER.

THURSDAY, November 28, 1874.

The Board of Trustees met this morning, ten members being present. The President read the report of the Faculty, which was referred to the appropriate committees.

Number of students now in the University are fifty three, with the prospect of more coming. The usual course of instruction was being prosecuted, and the young men in attendance were deporting themselves with commendable propriety. Five were graduated at last commencement—one with degree of A. B. and four with that of P. H. B. Of the number now in the University thirty-four are professors of religion, and eleven are looking forward to the ministry.

The Executive Committee also reported: They had pushed the agency work as rapidly and vigorously as possible, and had received, up to the present time, the amount of \$185,000 in bonds; some of these bonds, however, had already become worthless, on account of the death or bankruptcy of the obligors, and in the judgment of the committee \$50,000, at least, additional bonds are necessary before the effort for the endowment. As to the seating of the new professor, the committee have followed scrupulously the instructions of the Board at its last meeting, which were to pay the debt of the College first; they have striven to do so, but without success.

This report was also referred to the appropriate committees, whereupon the Board adjourned to meet at call of the President.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 1874.

The new Board of Trustees met this day. Present—sixteen members out of twenty-five. Rev. F. W. Eason was re-elected Secretary, and Professor C. H. Judson re-elected Treasurer.

At the request of the Convention, the Board unanimously adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, That any member absenting himself from two meetings of the Board without satisfactory excuse shall be considered as having vacated his seat.

The Board then adopted the report of the Faculty, and also that of the Executive Committee, and urged that the agency work be pushed with increased vigor, and that the most strenuous efforts be made to secure at least \$50,000 additional bonds during the ensuing year; also approved of the action of the Executive Committee in regard to the new professorship, being satisfied that they had followed their instructions properly.

Report of the Treasurer was received, and after reference to a committee, who reported favorably, it was adopted. An abstract of this report has been furnished by the Treasurer for publication; the serious consideration of it is earnestly recommended to the members of the churches.

It was resolved that Dr. J. L. Reynolds be requested to enter immediately upon his duties as a member of the Faculty, provided that the University debt now due to professors and agents be paid before any payments shall be made upon the salaries of professors which may accrue from this time forth.

The Board was desirous of appointing a financial agent, but because of the lack of means, was unable to do so ; it, however, appropriated a small salary to the Treasurer in order to enable him to employ a secretary and thus more rapidly push the collection of the interest due on bonds.

It was resolved that the thanks of the Board are due, and are hereby tendered, to Professor C. H. Judson for the extra office and extraordinary amount of labor which he has performed in the effort to collect the interest on the endowment bonds, and otherwise to care for the financial interests of the University ; also that his rare generosity in deferring the payment of his own salary for two years or more deserves our grateful recognition.

It was resolved to leave the compensation of agents to the Executive Committee.

It was, after discussion, resolved to establish a preparatory department in the University as soon as practicable, which the Board hopes will be at an early day.

The University, from the non-payment of interest due on bonds, have now over it a debt of about thirteen thousand dollars due professors and agents.

On motion, adjourned.

FRED. W. EASON, Secretary.

APPENDIX.

LIST OF BAPTIST MINISTERS IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

NAME.	POST OFFICE.	NAME.	POST OFFICE.
Acker, A.....	Belton	Butler, L.....	Oconee
Ackerman, S A.....	Walterboro	Bishop, J W.....	St Stephen's
Allen, Jesse.....	Buena Vista	Cantey, T R.....	Camden
Allen, Joel.....	Marion	Carson, James.....	Richardsonville
Anderson, C A T.....	Myersville	Carson, W B. (D D).....	Gowensville
Ashtley, W.....	Storeville	Campbell, J J.....	Williamston
Atkinson, S.....	Timmons ville	Campbell, T J.....	Rutherfordton, N C
Ayres, W.....	Marion	Carpenter, S J.....	Piercetown
Askew, G N.....	Blackville	Carpenter, J M.....	Anderson
Abbott, W W.....	Martin's Creek	Carpenter, F G.....	Anderson
Avery, A.....	Townville	Carter, J G.....	Pacolet
Alverson, E.....	Earlesville	Cartledge, A M.....	Winnboro
Ayer, L M.....	Anderson	Chambers, P.....	Horse Shoe
Anderson, G S.....	Columbia	Chaplain, W F.....	Orangeburg
Ballard, W L.....	Cedar Falls	Chapman, J.....	Pickens
Barkley, H T.....	Johnston's	Chastain, B E.....	Highland Grove
Barton, H M.....	Fair Play	Chastain, M.....	Sunny Dale
Bateman, J J.....	Hartsville	Chambliss, J A.....	Charleston
Beattie, W Q.....	Bennettsville	Chovin, C E.....	Grahamville
Beck, W.....	Darlington	Coleman, J W.....	Dyson's
Beil, G.....	Leesville	Collins, E.....	West Union
Bell, Percy.....	Columbia	Cooper, J A.....	Simpson's Mill
Bishop, S C.....	Bonnean's	Covington, J C.....	Bennettsville
Bonner, B.....	Grassy Pond	Corley, B F.....	Winnboro
Bostick, J M.....	Brighton	Crane, W.....	Whilden Hill
Bowers, A D.....	Highland Grove	Croxton, J S.....	Pleasant Hill
Bowers, R C.....	Pocotaligo	Cutlbert, L.....	Aiken
Boynton, M B.....	Buford's Bridge	Cuttino, D W.....	St Matthew's
Broadus, L.....	Edgefield	Crymes, T.....	Townville
Broadus, J A, (D D).....	Greenville	Dargan, J H.....	Bennettsville
Brooker, W.....	Blackville	Dargan, J O B.....	Darlington
Brooks, R R.....	Myersville	Dargan, E C.....	Greenville
Brown, W L.....	Glenn Springs	Dalton, Gideon.....	Adam's Run
Brown, C C.....	Greenville	Davenport, J B.....	Laurens
Brinson, D D.....	Edgefield	Davis, P.....	Whilden Hall
Buist, A.....	Barwell	Davis, C J.....	Smoke's X Roads
Buist, J F.....	Bamburg	Dawson, T.....	Pendleton
Burge, J C.....	Rock Hill	DeLoach, Z.....	Mine Creek
Burn, J W.....	Society Hill	Dowling, W H.....	Kinardsville
Burriss, J.....	Anderson	Drummond, S.....	Woodruff's
Burris, J B.....	Pickens	Durham, A K.....	Camden
Bussey, G W.....	Cold Spring	Durham, I D.....	Rich's Store
Baynard, C A.....	Allendale	Dunn, B G W.....	Bennettsville
Brasington, W F.....	Flint Ridge	Dodge, T S.....	Columbia
Bolen, H D.....	Orangeburg	Dees, A W.....	Old Store
Bryant, E S V.....	Spartanburg	Duncan, H A.....	Augusta
Bnyke, P A.....	St. Matthew's	Duncan, H D.....	Augusta
Burts, R W.....	Honea Path	Earle, J R.....	Holland's Store
Burton, N N.....	Leesville	Earle, T J.....	Gowensville
Brasington, J T.....	Lancaster	Eason, F W.....	Greenville
Brooks, G W.....	Transylvania	Edgerton, C.....	Marion

NAME.	POST OFFICE.	NAME.	POST OFFICE.
Edwards, R J.....	Orangeburg	Hart, T W.....	Cheraw
Edwards, E A.....	Sumter	Hartley, A I.....	Orangeburg
Elkin, W B.....	Ridgeway	Hawkins, Pinckney.....	Greenville
Elsey, J W.....	Walterboro	Hersay, A B.....	Chesterfield
Entzminger, J N.....	Doko	Isbell, S.....	Fair Play
Ezell, J S.....	Allgood	Jeter, F C.....	Fish Dam
Ezell, L C.....	Woodruff's	Jeter, J T.....	Santac
Edwards, Joab.....	Oakland	Johnson, W.....	Sparta
Edwards, J H.....	Society Hill	Jones, W B.....	Phoenix
Fail, N.....	Hickory Head	Jones, H.....	Ridge
Fail, John.....	Jefferson	Jeffcoat, John M.....	Witt's Mills
Fant, J K.....	Belton	Jordan, W H.....	Sumter
Fenley, L.....	West Union	Jordan, J S.....	Greenville
Furman, J C, (D D).....	Greenville	Johnson, W M.....	Oak Grove
Furman, R, (D D).....	Ridge	Kennemur, D H.....	Pickens
Furman, S, Sr.....	Ridge	Kinards, J W.....	Buford's Bridge
Fewox, John.....	Rantowles	King, R.....	Belton
Fincher, S J.....	Old Store	King, R M.....	Honea Path
Fowler, Harrison.....	Pleasant Mound	King, W H.....	Moffattsville
Gaines, T R.....	Columbia	Knight, F.....	Scuffletown
Gaines, N.....	Honea Path	Knotts, J D.....	Blackville
Gaines, W A.....	Chester	Knox, J D.....	Bachelor's Retreat
Garrett, B F.....	Monroe, N C	Kinard, G D.....	Buford's Bridge
Garrison, J M.....	Fort Mills	Lamar, A W.....	Spartanburg
Getzen, S P.....	Hamburg	Landrum, J G.....	Earlesville
Getsinger, J J.....	Bamberg	Lane, J.....	Marion
Gibbes, J.....	Sterling Grove	Lanneau, C H.....	Greenville
Gordon, W.....	Union	Laundress, J M.....	Belton
Graham, N.....	Sumter	Little, Nathan.....	Richardsonville
Gregory, O F.....	Charleston	Lawton, J A.....	Allendale
Grimes, G C.....	Laurens	Lawton, W A.....	Brighton
Gevin, J F.....	Spartanburg	Leavell, J.....	Belton
Hyatt, J R.....	Adam's Run	LeCroy, H.....	Fruit Hill
Hegler, R.....	Wild Cat	Loyall, H R.....	Williston
Hartin, W H.....	Ridgeway	Latta, A T.....	White Plains
Hawes, W.....	Graniteville	Lee, W G.....	Columbia
Hays, B.....	Anderson	Lide, T P, Jr.....	Marion
Hayes, H N.....	Walhalla	Lide, Robert.....	Greenville
Head, S.....	Hickory Tavern, N C	Linder, J S.....	Walker's
Hickman, G B.....	Walterboro	Looper, T.....	Dacusville
Hicks, E.....	Myersville	Long, J R.....	Butler
Hicks, G W.....	Greenland	Lee, J.....	Pacolet
Hiers, P J.....	Johnson's Landing	Lindsey, W C.....	Barnwell
Hill, A.....	Walterboro	Lankford, M V B.....	Spartanburg
Hill, M R.....	_____	McInvaile, J M.....	Hartsville
Hinton, J E.....	Ridgeville	Mahon, J D.....	Winnboro
Hinton, L C.....	Chester	Mahoney, H W.....	Sumter
Holden, B.....	Walhalla	Miller, S H.....	Bishopville
Holland, E D.....	West Union	Martin, J H.....	Saluda Mills
Hoover, J M.....	Buford's Bridge	Martin, W D.....	Conwayboro
Hudson, D.....	Pickens	Martin, W P.....	Belton
Hudson, J C.....	Woodruff's	Matthews, J A.....	Williston
Hoffman, J C.....	Orangeburg	Mauldin, B F.....	Williamston
Hoffman, J S C.....	Orangeburg	McDaniel, R.....	Mullins
Hughson, W E.....	Sumter	Mealing, J P.....	Hamburg
Humphries, J C.....	Chester	Mellichamp, T W.....	Winnboro
Hatfield, W J.....	Greenville	Mendenhall, J K.....	Columbia
Hayden, John S.....	Orangeburg	Miller, B F.....	Greenwood
Hammond, John.....	Beaver Pond	Morrall, J F.....	Allendale
Henderson, H L.....	Plain	Morton, W M.....	Bachelor's Retreat
Hix, M.....	Walhalla	Mosely, W W.....	Aiken
Hurlong, J M.....	St Matthew's	Murray, J S.....	Anderson
Howard, W.....	Darlington	Mack, W G.....	Orangeburg

NAME.	POST OFFICE.
Magee, M.	Belton
Morehead, W G.	Gowdeysville
Mullinax, T H.	Antioch
McGuffin, A W.	Walhalla
Murray, H.	Bonneau's
Nance, J C.	Wellsville
Napier, R.	Mar's Bluff
Nix, J D.	Brighton
Norman, J L.	Mush Creek
Norris, A P.	Orangeburg
Norris, J M.	Leesville
O'Neale, L.	Oakland
Owens, J.	Pickens
Padgett, M M.	Oakland
Page, B.	Sandy Plains
Parrott, A W.	Darlington
Parrott, B F.	Darlington
Perry, E.	Gillisonville
Perryclear, J J.	Orangeburg
Peterson, J F.	Richardson
Phillips, C M.	Lima
Prickett, I N.	St Matthew's
Pierson, W A.	Ridge Spring
Pope, T H.	Greenwood
Porter, C M.	Ridgeway
Peoples, E W.	Barnwell
Powell, S.	Marietta
Pratt, R N.	Abbeville
Price, J T.	Bishopville
Price, B.	Walterboro
Price, E G.	Walterboro
Parler, W R.	Vance's Ferry
Perry, W S.	Doko
Pugh, A P.	Chester
Purvis, L A.	Johnson's
Reynolds, J L, (D D).	Columbia
Rice, A.	Storeville
Rice, W D.	Silver Street
Rice, E C.	Cross Hill
Richardson, S M.	Timmons ville
Risher, S.	Walterboro
Robertson, T.	Pleasant Mound
Rogers, J E.	Camden
Rollins, J L.	Oakley
Rollins, W L.	Blackstocks
Roper, C.	Twelve Mile
Roper, T L.	North Saluda
Ross, B.	Columbia
Ruinion, J M.	Lima
Rosamond, W F.	Greenville
Rowell, S J.	Monroe, N C
Russell, S T.	St Stephen's
Riggs, Thomas.	Summerville
Sanders, F J.	Barnwell
Sanders, R W.	Greenville
Sawyer, S B.	Graham's T O
Seigler, J A.	Windsor
Seymour, R W, Jr.	Greenwood
Sharp, M J.	Doko
Shaw, W B.	Edgefield
Shuck, L H.	Charleston
Shuman, W H.	Gillisonville
Singleton, W B.	Fowler's Creek

NAME.	POST OFFICE.
Singleton, G W.	Dacusville
Smith, T W.	Union
Smith, W.	Chester
Snider, W J.	St. Matthew's
Spigener, D F.	Columbia
Stepp, A C.	Line Creek
Stiles, C A.	Grovewood
Stough, A L.	Pineville, N C
Stout, John.	Society Hill
Stroud, W H.	Langley
Suares, M R.	Barnwell
Sullivan, J H.	Walhalla
Sullivan, N.	Walhalla
Sweat, J T.	Brighton
Small, A.	Pleasant Hill
Simmons, J S.	Townville
Smith, D B.	Chesterfield C H
Therrell, W A.	Greenville
Thomas, J A W.	Bennettsville
Toy, C H, (D D).	Greenville
Tolleson, John.	Gowdeysville
Trapp, S.	Kirksey's X Roads
Trowell, Jonas.	Silver Hill
Turner, R.	Spartanburg
Taylor, T J.	Fort Mills
Todd, T M.	Winnsboro
Thompson, R.	Camden
Tribble, L W.	Honea Path
Thomasson, D W.	Woodlawn
Vaun, R R.	Ridgeway
Vaughn, K.	Belton
Vaughn, L.	Pleasant Grove
Vass, J L.	Spartanburg
Walker, G.	Branchville
Walker, Thomas.	Graniteville
Wallace, W L.	Georgetown
Walters, W E.	Storeville
Walters, W G.	—
Weaver, J M.	Lynchburg
Weekly, Wm.	Pocotaligo
Wells, Wm B.	Allendale
West, J.	Whitstown
Williams, John.	Williston
Whilden, R F.	Whilden Hall
Wilkins, S B.	Palmetto
Williford, A S.	Sumter
Whitsitt, W H, (D D).	Greenville
Williams, John G.	Bamberg
Williams, Wm, (D D).	Greenville
Wilson, J.	Piercetown
Wilson, J J.	Silver Glade
Wilson, S.	Branchville
Woodruff, R.	Woodruff's
Woodruff, S E.	Woodruff's
Woodward, J A.	Williston
Woodward, —.	Little Pee Dee
Woodward, S C.	Williston
West, W F.	Blackville
Weeks, J M.	St George's
Young, V.	Hodges
Young, Wm.	Liberty Hall
Zeigler, L G.	Orangeburg

S T A T I S T I C A L T A B L E .

ASSOCIATIONS.	NUMBER OF CHURCHES.	BAPTISMS.	ADDITIONS BY LETTER.	RESTORATIONS.	DIMINUTION BY LETTER.	EXCLUSIONS.	DEATHS.	WHITE MEMBERS.	COLOR'D MEMBERS.	GRAND TOTAL.	REMARKS.
1 Tyger River.....	37	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4,839	Last Year's Report.
2 Welsh Neck.....	48	550	116	67	187	73	33	4,455	169	4,624	Report Full.
3 Charleston.....	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,477	Last Year's Report.
4 Fairfield.....	27	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,284	Last Year's Report.
5 Edisto.....	26	130	35	8	64	50	13	1,988	107	2,095	Report Full.
6 Saluda.....	31	178	125	8	79	23	52	3,614	53	3,667	Two Churches No Report.
7 Edgefield.....	40	245	121	12	183	52	31	4,281	323	4,604	Report Full.
8 Broad River.....	26	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,129	Last Year's Report.
9 Reedy River.....	24	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,842	Last Year's Report.
10 Earnwell.....	27	252	94	37	170	35	21	2,887	71	2,958	One Church No Report.
11 Twelve Mile River.....	29	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,119	Last Year's Report.
12 Moriah.....	36	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,083	Last Year's Report.
13 Savannah River.....	30	232	56	22	266	29	27	1,681	619	2,300	Full Report.
14 Greenville.....	20	138	58	62	61	22	12	1,738	18	1,746	Report of Two Years Since.
15 Colleton.....	19	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,200	Report of Two Years Since.
16 Bethel.....	17	101	26	3	41	3	9	1,070	176	1,246	
17 Orangeburg.....	18	133	45	10	26	12	6	1,287	78	1,365	
18 York.....	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	507	
19 Fork.....	20	83	57	8	49	15	9	929	.....	929	Three Churches No Report.
20 Abbeville.....	12	59	35	4	21	19	15	761	.....	761	
Grand Total.....	529	2,101	768	241	1,147	333	228	22,691	1,614	46,775	

NOTE.—From nine Associations we have no report, but hear of five or six hundred accessions in several of them. We may safely say there are 5,000 whites not reported. Colored Baptists in the State, not less than 50,000.

1875 July 18

accepted the resignation of Superintendent
P. A. [unclear] and the first Sabbath
in August set apart as a day
to Elect a Superintendent

A committee of 7 he appointed to
Nominat^{ed} ^{Deputies, Messrs or Messrs} ~~appropiate~~ ^{to the number}
^(of the most fit) consisting of 2, M. C. [unclear] Chairman
and three Males & 3 females
Namely John Peck, G. H. Bryant, S. J. [unclear]
Mrs E. A. [unclear] and Mr. [unclear] Peck &
Miss E. M. [unclear]
adjourned to meet at 7th o'clock
on the first Sabbath in August

W. Robinson Sec

CR.

Total.....

A. J. BOBMEAR,
Auditor State Baptist Convention of South Carolina.

